

2024 Kansas Statutes

8-134. Renewal of registration of certain vehicles; registration and reregistration of passenger vehicles; monthly system; park and recreation motor vehicle permits; decals for license plates; rules and regulations. (a) Every vehicle registration under this act shall expire December 31 of each year, except passenger vehicles and vehicles provided for in K.S.A. 8-134a, and amendments thereto. The registration of vehicles to which K.S.A. 8-134a, and amendments thereto, applies shall expire in 1982 and thereafter in accordance with the provisions of subsections (b) and (c). Registration of vehicles shall be renewed annually upon application by the owner and by payment of the fees required by law. Except vehicles subject to K.S.A. 8-134a, and amendments thereto, and passenger vehicles, the renewal shall take effect on January 1 of each year, but the owner of the vehicle shall have until and including the last day of February of each year to make application for such renewal. The division shall issue for such vehicles a February month decal to correspond with the statutory grace period. Criminal sanctions provided in K.S.A. 8-142, and amendments thereto, for failure to display any license plate or plates or any registration decal required to be affixed to any such license plate for the current registration year shall not be enforced until March 1 of each year. An owner who has made proper application for renewal of registration of a vehicle prior to January 1, but who has not received the license plate or registration card for the ensuing year, shall be entitled to operate or permit the operation of such vehicle upon the highways upon displaying thereon the license plate issued for the preceding year for such time as the director of vehicles finds necessary for issuance of such new license plate.

(b) Every passenger vehicle required by this act to be registered, except as otherwise provided, shall be registered for a period of 12 consecutive months. The division of vehicles, in order to initiate a system of registering or reregistering passenger vehicles during any month of a calendar year, may register or reregister a passenger vehicle for less than a 12-month period, prorating the annual registration fee, when in the director's opinion such proration tends to fulfill the purpose of the monthly registration system.

(c) Passenger vehicle registration, and the authority to legally operate, use or tow such vehicle on the highway shall expire at 12 midnight on the last day of the last month of the 12-month period for which such vehicle was registered, and the owner shall see that such vehicle is reregistered as required by this act. The director of vehicles shall designate the registration period for each passenger vehicle in order to as nearly as feasible equalize registration or reregistration within the 12 months of the year. Any vehicle after having once been registered shall upon reregistration, be registered for the same twelve-month period except when the certificate of title has been transferred as provided by law. In this case, the vehicle shall be registered by the division of vehicles in accordance with the system adopted.

(d) For the purpose of this act, hearses and electrically propelled vehicles shall be classified as passenger vehicles.

(e) Every owner who registers or reregisters a vehicle in a calendar year, and in any calendar year in which a license plate is not issued for the renewal of registration of such vehicle, shall be furnished by the division one decal for the license plate issued for such vehicle and required by K.S.A. 8-133, and amendments thereto, to be affixed to the rear of such vehicle. Such decal shall be affixed to the number plate affixed to the rear of such vehicle and shall contain the letters designating the county in which such vehicle is registered, as provided in K.S.A. 8-147, and amendments thereto, shall indicate the license plate number for which the decal is to be affixed and shall indicate the year in which such registration expires. The color of a decal shall be such that it contrasts with the color of the license plate to which it is to be affixed, and the director of vehicles shall change the color of such decals each year, without duplicating the same color in any five-year period or such extended period as the director designates under K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. Such decals shall be so constructed that once a decal has been affixed to a license plate it cannot be removed without destroying the decal, and the surface of such decals shall be capable of reflecting light. Consistent with the foregoing, the director of vehicles shall

prescribe the size of and material to be used in the production of such decals, and the director of vehicles shall designate the location on a number plate where such decal shall be affixed.

(f) (1) The owner of a vehicle may, at the time of such registration or reregistration, purchase a park and recreation motor vehicle permit. Such permit shall cost \$15 until such time as the amount for such permit is changed by rules and regulations of the secretary of wildlife and parks.

(2) Such permit shall be nontransferable and shall expire on the date of expiration of the vehicle registration.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (f)(4), the county treasurer shall remit all such moneys paid to the county treasurer to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and shall be credited as provided in K.S.A. 32-991, and amendments thereto.

(4) The county treasurer may collect and retain a service charge fee of up to \$.50 for each park and recreation motor vehicle permit issued or sold by the county treasurer.

(5) As a condition of receiving the park and recreation motor vehicle permit, the applicant shall consent to the sharing of information, including, but not limited to, the applicant's name, address, email address and phone number, with the secretary of wildlife and parks by the division of motor vehicles.

(g) The secretary of revenue shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to accomplish the purpose of this act.

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